



## NATIONAL ARCHIVES

### Sent via FOIAonline

July 9, 2019

Kim Crooks

[76557-30279480@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:76557-30279480@requests.muckrock.com)

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request: NGC19-412

Dear Kim Crooks:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 4, 2019 and received in our office on the same day. Your request has been assigned the above internal tracking number in addition to a *FOIAonline* tracking number NARA-NGC-2019-000604. In your request, you stated that you are seeking crime scene investigation records related to John Lang of Fresno, California.

You indicated that you were referred by the FBI, however you did not provide a FBI case file number. We need a case file number to conduct a search, you may contact the FBI at the address or website link below:

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attn: FOI/PA Request  
Record/Information Dissemination Section  
170 Marcel Drive  
Winchester, VA 22602-4843  
Fax: (540) 868-4391/4997

<https://www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records>

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the repository for the permanent records of **federal** agencies that are created in the course of business conducted by the United States Federal government. (We estimate that less than 5% of these records are retained permanently for legal or historical purposes.) Agencies generally do not transfer their permanent records to NARA until they are 20-30 years old. You provided a coroner case file number for a record on an individual named John Lang. NARA is not a repository for city or state records.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES *and*  
RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

8601 ADELPHI ROAD  
COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740-6001  
[www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)

The records that you seek appear to be a state or local record and not a federal record. Each state has its own laws similar to the Federal FOIA statute that govern requests for state and local records. We recommend that you contact officials in Fresno, California for guidance on how to request records related to coroner reports and other crime scene records. The federal FOIA statute allows access for requesting a copy of a federal record that already exists. If this case involved a federal government agency, please obtain the name of the agency and contact the FOIA office for that agency, which in your case may be the FBI, as you indicated in your request.

This completes the processing of your FOIA request.

If you are not satisfied with our action on this request, you have the right to file an administrative appeal within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter via regular mail or email. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. If you submit your appeal in writing, please address it to the Deputy Archivist of the United States (ND), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740 USA. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." If you submit your appeal by e-mail please send it to [FOIA@nara.gov](mailto:FOIA@nara.gov), also addressed to the Deputy Archivist of the United States. Please be sure to explain why you believe this response does not meet the requirements of the FOIA. All correspondence should reference your case tracking number **NGC19-412** and your *FOIAonline* Tracking Number.

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Gary M. Stern, for assistance at the address below:

Gary M. Stern  
General Counsel and Chief FOIA Officer  
8601 Adelphi Road, Suite 3110  
College Park, MD 20740-6002  
301-837-1750  
[garym.stern@nara.gov](mailto:garym.stern@nara.gov)

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is noted below:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
[ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
[ogis.archives.gov](http://ogis.archives.gov)

202-741-5770  
1-877-684-6448

Sincerely,

Wanda Williams  
Deputy FOIA Officer  
Office of General Counsel  
301-837-0773  
[wanda.williams@nara.gov](mailto:wanda.williams@nara.gov)